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Application No.

: 10/014,789

Confirmation No.: 1625

Applicants

: Sarah Metcalfe, et al.: December 14, 2001

Filed Title

: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENABLING COLLABORATIVE

: PROCUREMENT OF PRODUCTS IN A SUPPLY CHAIN

TC/A.U.

: 3639 : Rutao Wu

Examiner Docket No.

: 82001-0296

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: 24633

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed October 27, 2005, in the above-identified application.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

| Total Months Requested | Fee for Extension | Fee for Small Entity | |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| one month two month | \$ 120.00 \$ 450.00 | \$ 60.00 \$ 225.00 | |
| three month | \$ 1020.00 | \$ 510.00 | |
| four month | \$ 1590.00 | \$ 795.00 | |
| five month | \$ 2160.00 | \$ 1080.00 | |

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$ 120.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefore.

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The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDIT. FEE |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------|
| TOTAL | 42 | MINUS | 42 | = 0 | x 50/25 = | \$ 0.00 |
| INDEP. | 4 | MINUS | 4 | = 0 | x 100/200 = | \$ 0.00 |
| Extension of Time for Four Months | | | \$ 0.00 | | | |
| | | | | | TOTAL | \$ 0.00 |

| | No additional fee is required. |
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| | A check in the amount of \$\(\frac{0.00}{}\) is attached. |
| \boxtimes | Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-1349 the amount of \$120.00. |
| \boxtimes | The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1349. |
| | Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 for the presentation of extra claims. |
| | Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. |
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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 27, 2005, Applicants propose to amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.